

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A circuit for processing charge detecting signal transferred to a floating diffusion amplifier from a charge coupled device, said circuit comprising:

a first node connected to said floating diffusion amplifier;

a first enhancement type field effect transistor being connected in series between a first fixed-voltage supply line for supplying a first fixed voltage and an output terminal, and said first enhancement type field effect transistor having a first gate connected to said first node; and

a second enhancement type field effect transistor being connected in series between a second fixed-voltage supply line for supplying a second fixed voltage and the output terminal,

wherein said second enhancement type field effect transistor has a second gate ~~supplied with a third fixed voltage which is different in potential from said second fixed voltage connected to said first fixed-voltage supply line and is supplied with the first fixed voltage.~~

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The circuit as claimed in claim [[2]] 1, wherein said first fixed-voltage supply line comprises a power voltage line, whilst said second fixed-voltage supply line comprises a ground line.

4. (original) A circuit for processing charge detecting signal transferred to a floating diffusion amplifier from a charge coupled device in response to a transfer gate clock signal, said circuit comprising:

a first node connected to said floating diffusion amplifier;

a first enhancement type field effect transistor being connected in series between a first fixed-voltage supply line for supplying a first fixed voltage and an output terminal, and said first enhancement type field effect transistor having a first gate connected to said first node;

a second enhancement type field effect transistor being connected in series between a second fixed-voltage supply line for supplying a second fixed voltage and the output terminal, and said second enhancement type field effect transistor having a second gate connected to a second node; and

a voltage control circuit being connected to said second node for connecting said second node to a third fixed-voltage in a first time period, in which said transfer clock signal is not supplied, and also for electrically isolating said

second node from said third fixed-voltage in a second time period, in which said transfer clock signal is supplied.

5. (original) The circuit as claimed in claim 4, wherein said voltage control circuit includes a capacitance connected in series between said second node and said second fixed-voltage supply line for fixing said second node in potential.

6. (original) The circuit as claimed in claim 4, wherein said voltage control circuit further includes:

a voltage dividing circuit being connected in series between said first fixed-voltage supply line and said second fixed-voltage supply line;

a third node connected to an output terminal of said voltage dividing circuit; and

a third enhancement type field effect transistor being connected in series between said second and third nodes, and said third enhancement type field effect transistor having a gate receiving a control signal under which said voltage control circuit is operated.

7. (original) The circuit as claimed in claim 6, wherein said control signal comprises said transfer gate clock signal.